

**Remarks/Arguments**

In the Advisory Action dated March 22, 2006, Examiner Lewis stated that a translation was not found attached to the Request for Reconsideration. Applicants are resubmitting the translation along with proof that the translation was submitted on February 28, 2006 with this correspondence. In the Appendix, Applicants have included the translation of DE 102 38 866 that was filed in the USPTO on February 28, 2006, along with a statement certifying the accuracy of the translation, and a copy of the returned Acknowledgement Postcard, which is stamped received by the OIPE on March 3, 2006, indicating that the certified translation of DE 102 38 866 was received by the OIPE on March 3, 2006.

Although Applicants have a priority claim to two German priority documents, Applicants are only submitting a translation of DE 102 38 866 since the priority date of that document, August 24, 2002, is sufficient to swear behind the 102(e) date, November 27, 2002, of U.S. Patent No. 6,808,470 (Boll). Applicants courteously assert that submission of a certified translation of DE 102 15 715.4 would create an undue financial hardship, in that the second translation would cost several thousands of dollars in added expense, especially in view of the fact the translation of the first priority document is sufficient to predate the effective date of the cited reference.

**Conclusion**

Applicants respectfully submit that all pending claims are now in condition for allowance, which action is courteously requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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